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MATERIALS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT
May 1958

BRANCH: Chemicals

I. Accomplishments

A. Scheduled Projects Completed and Forwarded

✓ Project No. 30.1864, "Estimated Production of Specified Industries in the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1957 (USAF)." - Supplemental estimates on new plant construction and dates of initial operation.

Project No. 20.2082, "Significance of the Expansion of the Chemical Fertilizer Industry in Communist China" was forwarded to D/M for review.

✓ Project No. 22.1881, "Electric Power Consumption in the USSR." M/CH contribution completed and forwarded to M/FP.

✓ Project No. 10.1806, "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1963." M/CH contribution to the part of this project dealing with "Evaluation of the Soviet Industrial Reorganization" was completed and forwarded to A/U.

B. Support Projects - None.C. Other Support Activities

✓ 10 1. Provided evaluation of Khrushchev's 6 May speech to CSS for use in memorandum to DD/I.

2. Completed and forwarded for the DD/P 11 evaluations of reports on the chemical industries of the E. European and Asiatic Communist countries.

✓ 3. Provided an evaluation of the relative importance of clandestine reporting to Chief, ERA for use in briefing.

II. Program

✓ 8 A. A new project evaluating recent Soviet plans for expansion of the chemical industry was undertaken. It is expected that this project will result in publication of a CSM.

B. The due date of Project No. 22.1913, "Problems and Prospects of the Hungarian Chemical Industry" was extended from 15 May to 15 July 1958.

D The due date of Project No. 22.1914, "Postwar Development of the Chemical Industry of Poland" was extended from 2 June to 1 August 1958.

III. Administration

A. Personnel

25X1A9a [REDACTED] resigned 29 May 1958 in order to devote his efforts full-time to the study of Law. Present Branch strength is as follows:

Professional Analysts - 10
Intelligence Assistants - 1
Clerical - 2

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B. Branch Structure - No changes.

C. Training

25X1A9a [REDACTED] - Continued participation in course on "Economic Geography of the Soviet Bloc."

25X1A9a [REDACTED] - Completed ORR Course in Economic Statistics.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] Started after-hours O/TR Course in "Beginners German." (Course No. 103)

25X1A9a [REDACTED] - Started O/TR Basic Intelligence Course.

D. Trips, Conventions, Professional Meetings, etc.

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✓ Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] visited New York 15 and
16 May in order to assist [REDACTED] in briefing 25X1A6a

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IV. Comments - None.

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